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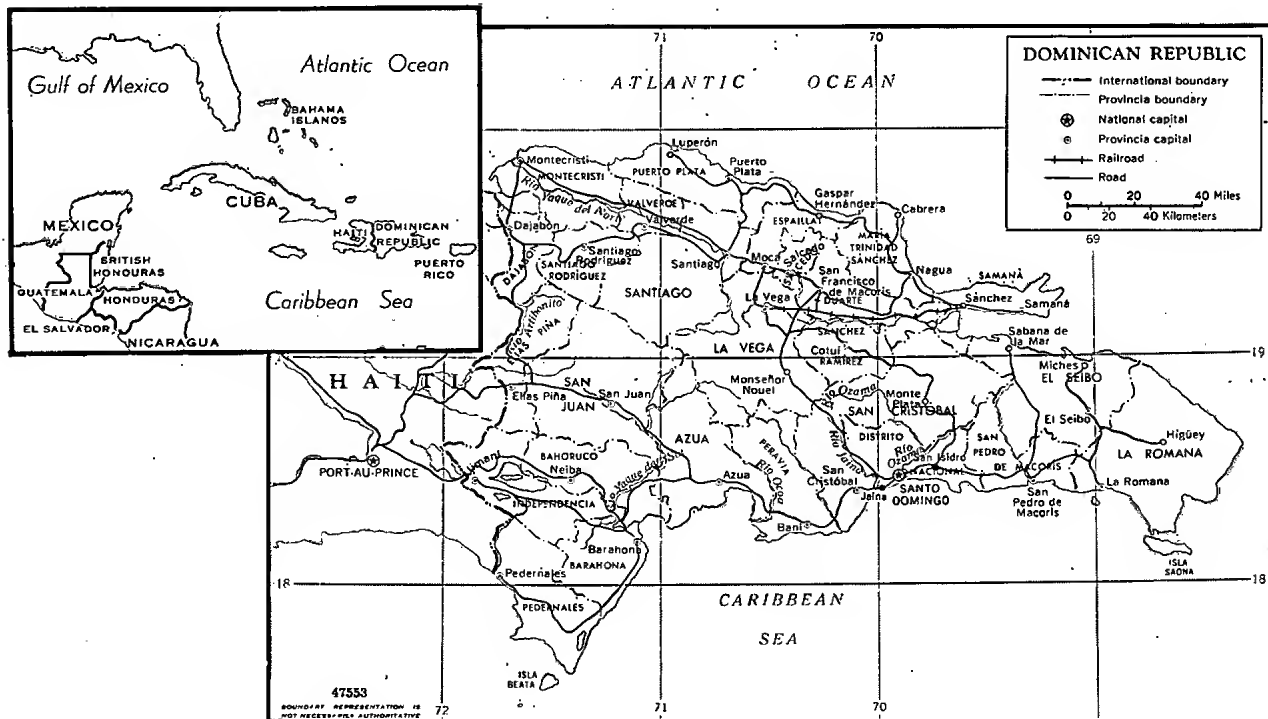
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Dominican Republic

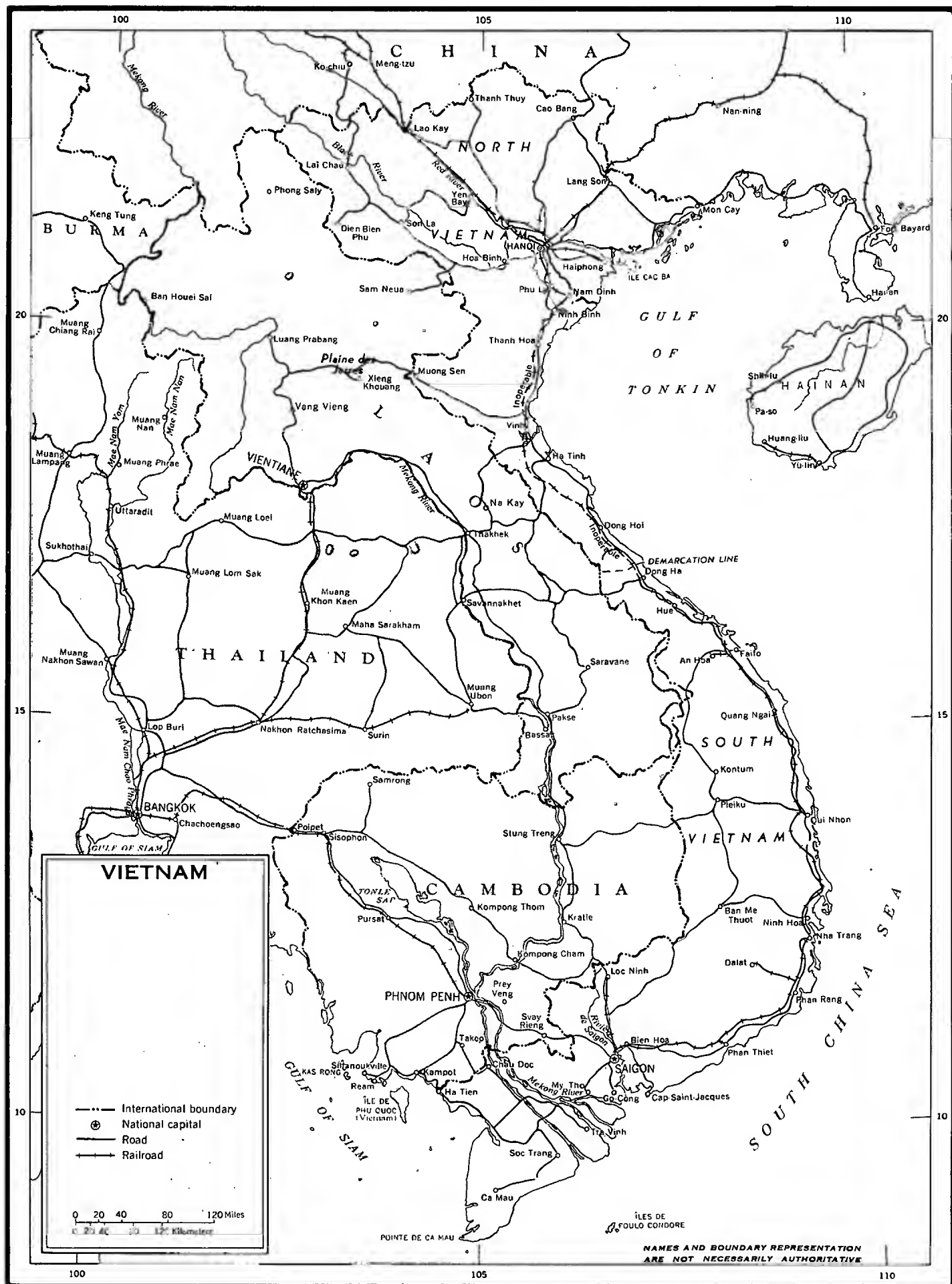
The political impasse continues, as both the Imbert and Caamano camps maintain their intransigent attitudes toward a negotiated settlement.

[] US observers indicate 50X1
that a significant portion of the Dominican middle and upper classes is opposed to both the Caamano and the Imbert groups and would welcome a new, moderate alternative. [] the Reformist Party 50X1
of former president Joaquin Balaguer, which believes that Balaguer would easily win in an honest election, has indicated [] 50X1
[] distaste for either an Imbert or a Guzman regime. The latter [] 50X1
[] would be the same as being governed 50X1
by Bosch.

There have been no recent reports of rebel military actions in the outlying areas, despite rebel threats yesterday in talks with OAS and US negotiators. Several rebel bands have been reported as roaming the countryside, however.

World reactions to President Johnson's speech at Baylor today are just beginning to come in. The US consul in Santiago, in the Dominican Republic, reports an enthusiastic reception by lower middle class Dominicans with whom he listened to it. Radio Havana has stressed the President's "request" that the OAS set up an "inter-American police force."

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1. South Vietnam

The impasse between President Suu and Premier Quat over cabinet changes remains unresolved.

Quat told Ambassador Taylor today that he believes Suu is deliberating creating a crisis, aided and abetted by a medley of Catholics, some supporters of the former Huong government, and some elements involved in the coup attempts of last February and last week.

Quat has asked a delegation of ranking military officers to call on Suu tomorrow. They are to ask the president to drop his insistence on strict constitutionality in the interests of political stability.

If this fails, Quat may ask the National Legislative Council to amend Vietnam's national charter and spell out the premier's unrestricted right to choose his own cabinet.

Suu is also opposing Quat's recent replacement of General "Little" Minh.

2. Vietnam

Hanoi and Peiping have again denounced the Indian efforts toward a Vietnam settlement.

Hanoi radio yesterday dismissed President Radhakrishnan's plan as "absurd." Peiping's People's Daily on the same day took India to task for being "wedded" to the US and serving as the "political broker" of Moscow and Washington. One reason for the continued pillorying of the Indians may be to head off any effort by New Delhi to sell its ideas at the upcoming Afro-Asian conference.

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The Chinese have lifted most of the restrictions on rail travel by foreigners imposed early this month. Presumably whatever shipments the Chinese were trying to hide have been delivered.

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3. Bolivia

La Paz has been uneasy but quiet since yesterday morning.

The Barrientos-Ovando co-presidency has temporarily shelved the political problem. The two generals made a public show of solidarity today.

The tension will rise again, however, if the junta goes through with reported plans to move against the miners early next week. Mine union leaders are still urging their followers not to comply with the government's new reform decrees. If military action in the mining region is resumed, the miners are likely to resist with force, and terrorist incidents in La Paz may start again.

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5. Israel

Yesterday's Israeli raids into Jordan are unlikely to draw any immediate military response from the Arabs. King Husayn has turned the problem over to the United Arab Command, where Arab differences over dealing with Israel are still unresolved.

The raids were reprisals for Arab sabotage of Israeli border settlements. The Israelis believe the sabotage was conducted by an Arab terrorist organization called "Fatih."

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The drastic Israeli action may also have some relation to Prime Minister Eshkol's political troubles. He is anxious to avoid giving former prime minister Ben Gurion an excuse for charging him with softness in dealing with the Arabs.

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6. USSR

The USSR may be preparing for another space launch.

One of the Soviet space-support ships in the Pacific has recently left its home base and is proceeding to sea at a speed greater than normal. Its two sister ships were still in port at last word,

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